



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH

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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM, and 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS: As Announced

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 3:00-3:20 PM or by appointment

MARRIAGE: Contact parish clergy one year prior to date desired

BAPTISMS: Please contact parish clergy

SICK CALLS, Communion Calls, and Hospital Visits are gladly made upon request

DECEMBER 26, 2021



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, December 25th-CHRISTMAS

7:30 AM-For all our parishioners

10:30 AM-For all our parishioners

Sunday, December 26th

7:30 AM- John and Shirley Huchowski (Family)

10:30 AM-Diane Inzerillo-11th anniv.

(Husband and Family)

Monday, December 27th

8:00 AM-Special Intention

Tuesday, December 28th

8:00 AM-Maribeth Clark-2nd Anniv. (Family)

Thursday, December 30th

8:00 AM-For all our parishioners intentions

Friday, December 31st

4:00 PM-For those on our "All Soul's" list

Saturday, January 1st

9:00 AM-For all our Christmas Benefactors

4:00 PM-For all our parishioners

Sunday, January 2nd

7:30 AM- Elizabeth Ann Grande Miller (Family)

10:30 AM-Intention still available

We are so very grateful to everyone who is mailing in or dropping off their weekly financial support for our parish, as well as those who have made special financial gifts to our parish during these most difficult times. It is essential for the well being and future of our parish that we acquire as little debt as possible during this crisis. During this time of the year, the break even point is a minimum of \$4,000.00 per week. We ask everyone to please continue to send in their parish support until we are able to resume our regular operation. Your faithful and generous support, especially now, is so very much needed and appreciated....**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

A THOUGHTFUL GESTURE

One of the most thoughtful things a parishioner can do is to remember our parish in their will or request that memorial contributions be made to this parish in place of flowers at a time of death of a loved one...This is a strong tribute to the person's Faith and their love and concern for our parish...God Bless You!



Religious Education Classes:

Classes are not scheduled during the school Christmas break. We plan to resume "in person" sessions on January 9, 2022.

ADULT DROP-IN ACTIVITIES:

On Mondays from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM each week, we have an "Adult Drop-In Activity" in our Parish Center. We provide coffee, tea, and hot cocoa. Come on down and socialize with friends, talk, knit, play cards, dominoes, scrabble, cribbage, or take part in other activities.

Hope for Housing cards are now being sold on the first and third weekend of each month. In the month of January, they are available on the weekends of January 1st & 2nd and 15th & 16th.

MASK MANDATE IN WORCESTER

NOW EFFECTIVE: The City of Worcester Dept. of Public Health announced an emergency mask mandate for all indoor private and public spaces. This includes houses of worship, parish offices, and parish meetings and events.

WEEKDAY MASS WINTER

WEATHER POLICY:

Please note that whenever school is canceled or delayed due to inclement weather, **the 8:00 A.M. WEEKDAY MASS will automatically be canceled.** If there is an intention scheduled for that Mass, we will be happy to reschedule it.

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

Next week, we have our monthly food collection at all Masses. Please try to remember to bring in some non-perishable food items for the needy. Please leave your items near the baptismal font, or in the bins inside the Fales Street entrance, when you come to Mass. **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Jim Servideo for all their help in decorating and setting up our Christmas flower display in the Church.

We also want to say thank you to Borski's Market on Burncoat Street for making a generous Christmas gift to our Parish.



REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers,
Melissa Hunt-Deneault,
who was recently buried from our parish.
MAY SHE REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



**THE FEAST OF MARY
THE MOTHER OF GOD**



The feast of Mary the Mother of God, this year falls on Saturday, January 1st, however, and is not being observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a morning Mass at 9:00 A.M. to honor our Blessed Mother. The 4:00 P.M. Mass on Saturday, January 1st will be the Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord. On Sunday, January 2nd, we will have our regular Mass schedule at 7:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.



At Present Opening Time: Lord God, Wise men traveled for miles to bring Your Son, Jesus, the first Christmas presents. So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank You for the amazing love You have for each of us, and for Your greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ Our Lord...Amen



A Prayer Before Christmas Dinner: God of all gifts, we thank You for the many ways You have blessed us this day. We are grateful for gathering each of us around this table. We ask You to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember Your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which You were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember Your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. In the New Year that lies ahead we pray that all that we do will begin with Your inspiration and continue with Your saving Grace. May our work find its origin in You, and through You may it at last be brought to its glorious completion. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



*We want to take this
opportunity to wish all our
parishioners and their families*

*A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND
HOLY NEW YEAR!*

Father Pat Hawthorne

and

Sister Irene Moran

DECEMBER 26, 2021



For those who have lost a loved one recently, the holidays can be a difficult time. We hope you can find comfort in this beautiful poem written by

Wanda Bencke.



Christmas In Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below with tiny lights, like Heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow. The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away the tear. For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year. I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear. But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here. I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring, for it is beyond description, to hear the angels sing. I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart. But I am not so far away, we really aren't apart. So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear. And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year. I sent you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above. I sent you each a memory of my undying love. After all, love is a gift more precious than pure gold. It was always most important in the stories Jesus told. Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do. For I can't count the blessings or love He has for each of you. So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear. Remember, I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.



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**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS**

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTIONS: ON THE FIRST WEEKEND OF EACH MONTH, PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO BRING IN NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO WHICHEVER MASS THEY ATTEND, AND LEAVE THEM IN FRONT OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT. ALL ITEMS ARE DONATED TO THE SAINT JOAN OF ARC FOOD PANTRY.

HOPE FOR HOUSING: EACH FIRST AND THIRD WEEKEND OF THE MONTH, AFTER ALL MASSES, ANYONE CAN PURCHASE LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS IN VARIOUS AMOUNTS. THE GIFT CARDS RECEIVE FULL FACE VALUE AND UP TO 5% IS DONATED BY THE RETAILER TO HELP PREVENT LOCAL FAMILY HOMELESSNESS.

MONTHLY VETERANS MEAL: ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, SEPTEMBER-JUNE, (EXCEPT JANUARY) OUR PARISH PROVIDES AND SERVES A MEAL FOR 50-80 GUESTS AT MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS INC. ON GROVE STREET.

DISMAS HOUSE MINISTRY: THE MISSION OF DISMAS HOUSE IS TO RECONCILE FORMER PRISONERS TO SOCIETY AND SOCIETY TO FORMER PRISONERS THROUGH A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: EACH YEAR DURING ADVENT, OUR PARISH HELPS LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED WITH DONATIONS OF GIFTS AND PRESENTS.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY PRAYERFULLY MAKES SHAWLS AND LAP BLANKETS FOR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND, ILL, GRIEVING, OR GOING THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME.

THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY HELPS TO DEFEND INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE BY SUPPORTING WOMEN WHO ARE FACING CRISIS PREGNANCIES. OUR ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE AND SUPPORTING THE ANNUAL FUND RAISER DINNER HELP SUPPORT THE VISITATION HOUSE.

COMMUNION MINISTERS VISIT AND BRING HOLY COMMUNION TO INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HOMEBOUND.

WOUNDED WARRIORS IS A CHARITY AND SERVICE ORGANIZATION THAT OFFERS A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS, SERVICE AND EVENTS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS OF THE MILITARY ACTIONS FOLLOWING THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.

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